



Track & Field Schools' Cup Competition Rules

69. The **Cup Final** shall normally be held annually on the first Saturday in July.

70. **Ages.** The age groups for the competition shall be:

- a. Junior 12 years and under 14 years (Years 7 & 8)
- b. Intermediate 14 years and under 16 years (Years 9 & 10)

Ages as at 31st August at the end of the current school year.

71. **Teams.** This competition is for individual school teams and entries must NOT be submitted by neighbouring schools combining to make a team.
Each boys' team may have up to 14 (fourteen) competitors plus one named reserve.
Each *Intermediate Girls' team* may have up to 14 (fourteen) and Junior Girls 12 (twelve) competitors plus one named reserve.
Following the final declaration of teams at the start of the meeting, a team may not be reorganized.

72. **Reserves:** The reserve will only be allowed to substitute in the event of an injury being sustained during the meeting and then only at the discretion of the Referee. The substitute may only compete in the event(s) in which the injured athlete was entered. A reserve, however, may take part in a meeting at the discretion of the organiser, *and must wear a number*. They will be subsequently allowed to replace an athlete, in a single event only, after taking part in their chosen event. This ruling does not apply to the Cup Final. Medical approval must be obtained before substitutions can be made at Regional Finals and the Cup Final.

Note: In the event of an injury to a team member during the meeting, the nominated reserve may be used as a substitute to compete only in the injured athlete's event(s) at the discretion of the meeting manager/referee. In County and Regional rounds, the nominated reserve not used in the competition may be allowed to compete as a guest in their chosen event on a non-scoring basis, again at the discretion of the meeting manager. They will not appear in the official results. This does not prevent their subsequent use as an injury replacement. Once the reserve has replaced another athlete, they can no longer guest in any event.

73. **Each team MUST enter a relay team** and up to two competitors per event provided that no one competitor competes in more than two events which shall be:-
EITHER: One track event and the relay
OR: One track event and one field event
OR: One field event and the relay.

74. Entries. Entries from schools must be completed online by 28th February in the year of the competition. From 2018 onwards a pre-payment system will come into operation. The relevant contributions per team must be received by the Track and Field Cup Coordinator within 7 days of the closing dates for entries. The rate of such contributions per team shall be deemed annually by the General Committee. Should a school subsequently withdraw a team from the competition the entry contribution will not be refunded. No late or amended entries shall be accepted after the closing date.

75. The Competition.

- c. In all rounds of the Competition Including the Final, each participating school must be accompanied by at least one teacher in charge and two competent adults to officiate.
- d. **First Rounds:**
 - (a) County Cup secretaries will ask appropriate schools to act as organisers and to stage the meetings at its own school or other suitable venue.
 - (b) Each participating school will be responsible for downloading their designated numbers from the web-site (esaa.net) – clearly visible black numbers on white card and provide their own safety pins.
 - (c) The host school will be responsible for the organisation of the competition and, in particular, for the appointment of the Referee(s) who shall be in charge of all matters appertaining to the rules of the events and who will decide on any appeals.
 - (d) Any protest concerning the final results must be received by the Meeting Organisers within *24 hours*.
 - (e) Schools must compete on the prescribed dates unless weather intervenes.
 - (f) Where at least five schools have competed in a First-Round match, the winning team will qualify for the Regional Final. An appropriate number of other high scoring teams will also be included. A winning team cannot be guaranteed a place in the Regional Final if fewer teams compete.
 - (g) Any school team that withdraws from the competition at late notice shall be scored at zero (0), as though they had taken part.
 - (h) In the event of a tie, the premier place will be awarded to the team gaining the greater or greatest number of first places. If a tie still remains reference will be made to the greater or greatest number of second places and so on.
- e. **Regional Finals**
 - (a) Counties will be allocated to one of *eight* Regions, which will be defined by the General Committee.
 - (b) The highest scoring teams in each Region will compete in the Regional “A” Final. All other qualifiers will compete in regional “B” Finals.
 - (c) All schools which have successfully qualified for the Regional Finals will be notified.
 - (d) The Regional Cup Secretaries will arrange the Regional Finals and appoint organising school.
 - (e) Each participating school will be responsible for downloading their designated numbers from the ESAA website (esaa.net) and for providing their own pins.
 - (f) In the event of a tie the premier place will be awarded to the team gaining the greater or greatest number of first places. If the tie remains reference will be made to the greater or greatest number of second places and so on.

f. Cup Final

- (a) The winners of the Regional "A" Finals, plus the five highest scoring teams nationally will proceed to the Cup Final.
- (b) The organisation of the Cup Final is the responsibility of the Summer Events Committee.
- (c) In the event of a tie in the Cup Final, the team placings shall stand. Where trophy positions are involved, the trophies shall be shared by the teams concerned.

76. Event Rules.

- i. The events for the competition shall be:
Girls: 100m; 200m; 300m (Years 8 to 10 only); 800m; 1500m; 4x100m Relay; Hurdles; High Jump; Long Jump; Triple Jump (Year 10 only); Pole Vault, Putting the Shot; Throwing the Discus; Throwing the Javelin; Throwing the Hammer (Years 8 to 10 only).
Boys: 100m; 200m; 300m (Years 8 to 10 only); 800m; 1500m; 4x100m Relay; Hurdles; High Jump; Long Jump; Triple Jump (Years 8 to 10 only); Pole Vault, Putting the Shot; Throwing the Discus; Throwing the Javelin; Throwing the Hammer (Years 8 to 10 only).
- ii. The recommended order of track events shall be: Hurdles, 1500m; 100m; 200m; 300m (where appropriate); 800m.
- iii. All Relays shall take place at the conclusion of the programme.
- iv. Starting blocks are not to be used in any round of the Competition.
- v. All field events shall be held before or after all individual track events in each age group.
- vi. In all rounds of the Competition, track events shall be hand timed. Photo-finish shall not be used.
- vii. The order of field events will be determined by local conditions, but the Pole Vault and High Jump should be started as soon as possible, the bar being set initially at the height required to score one point, and raised thereafter as competitors require, in accordance with the scoring tables.
- viii. In track events, each competitor shall be timed separately.
- ix. In field events for height, each competitor may have up to seven (7) attempts in all, unless before then he/she has failed three consecutive times. A competitor may choose the height at which he/she enters the competition.
- x. In field events for distance, each competitor shall be allowed three (3) attempts.
- xi. In the Triple Jump, 7 metre, 9 metre and 11 metre take-off markings should be available.

xii. If an official deems that a competitor is insufficiently competent, or dangerous, then they have the discretionary right to remove that competitor from the event. The event organiser and team manager must be advised immediately.

xiii. Non-starting and abandoned events (eg, due to inclement weather): All competitors will be allocated 10pts, unless Round 1 has been fully completed and they have recorded a higher score, then that performance shall be allowed.

xiv. **In the throwing events**, the following weights of implements shall apply:

	Shot	Discus	Javelin	Hammer
Junior Boys	3.00kg	1.00kg	600gm	3.00kg
Intermediate Boys	4.00kg	1.25kg	600gm	4.00kg
Junior Girls	3.00kg	1.00kg	500gm	3.00kg
Intermediate Girls	3.00kg	1.00kg	500gm	3.00kg

xv. In all throwing events, competitors shall only use the implements provided for general use.

xvi. **In the hurdles events conditions shall be:**

	Distance	Height	No.	Approach	Interval	Finish
Junior Boys 80m	80m	76.2cm	8	12.00m	8.00m	12.00m
Intermediate Boys 80m	80m	84.0cm	7	13.00m	8.50m	16.00m
Junior Girls 75m	75m	68.0cm	8	11.50m	7.50m	11.00m
Intermediate Girls 80m	80m	76.2cm	8	12.00m	8.00m	12.00m

77. **Scoring.** Each competitor or relay team shall score according to the appropriate performance points table.

78. **Travel.** The General Committee may, at its absolute discretion, make grants available towards the travel expenses of schools travelling to the Cup Final.